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Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice for the proposed rezoning of 6 Melrose Road, Spreyton. Conservation Assessment (CAS) has reviewed the information provided and has the following advice.

General comments

According to the Livingston Natural Resource Services, Natural Assets Report, January 2026 (the Report), the desktop survey of the proposed exploration area was undertaken on 11 December 2025, almost a month after the field survey was undertaken on 22 November 2025. CAS does not support field surveys being undertaken prior to desktop surveys, as the intention of a desktop survey is to inform and improve the field survey. More detail is available in the *Guidelines for Natural Values Surveys - Terrestrial Development Proposals*: [Survey Guidelines for Development Assessments | Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania \(nre.tas.gov.au\)](#)

Discrepancies between mapped TASVEG community and on-ground surveys

The Report includes an updated description and/or classification of the native vegetation community within the proposal footprint that is currently mapped as dry eucalypt forest and woodland - *Eucalyptus amygdalina* - *Eucalyptus obliqua* damp sclerophyll forest (DSC) in TASVEG 5.0. CAS recommends that the survey report and associated shapefiles are provided to the Tasmanian Vegetation Monitoring and Mapping Program Team for verification and update. The information can be submitted by email to tvmmppsupport@nre.tas.gov.au.

Threatened fauna

Central North burrowing crayfish (*Engaeus granulatus*)

There are records of the Central North burrowing crayfish within 200 m of the proposal area. Habitat for the species may be present within the proposal area.

The Central North burrowing crayfish is listed as endangered under both the *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995* (TSPA) and the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). Central North burrowing crayfish burrows are considered products of wildlife under the *Nature Conservation Act 2002* (NCA).

The Report does not acknowledge the proximity of the recorded observations of the Central North burrowing crayfish to the proposal area or the potential habitat on site in the form of the drainage channel. CAS recommends that, prior to any development of the site, a targeted survey for Central North burrowing crayfish is undertaken in accordance with the [Guidelines for Natural Values Surveys - Terrestrial Development Proposals](#).

Permit(s) may be required

If the proposal will impact species listed as threatened under the TSPA, permits may be required, including but not limited to permits to 'take'. 'Take' is defined in the TSPA as kill, injure, pursue, catch, damage, destroy and collect.

Permits may also be required to collect and handle threatened flora and fauna specimens during surveys undertaken to support assessments of proposals, and to take wildlife and/or products of wildlife listed in the Schedules of the *Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Regulations 2021*.

The processing of permit applications may take up to four weeks. Information on applying for a permit can be found on the NRE Tas website: [Permits for Threatened Species, Wildlife and/or Products of Wildlife \(for Consultants & Development-related Activities\) | Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania](#).

Additional requirements may apply

Other obligations may exist in relation to this proposal. For example, approval may be required under the EPBC Act. This is not an exhaustive list. Proponents must make themselves aware of all legal obligations that may apply to their proposals.

CAS' role in providing advice

CAS is part of the Environment Strategic Business Unit (ESBU) within NRE Tas. CAS regulates and provides general advice on the impacts of proposed activities and developments on species listed under the TSPA and *Nature Conservation Act 2002* (NCA).

CAS may engage specialist staff in the ESBU in the course of collating its advice. However, CAS does not have access to specialist knowledge for every species listed under the TSPA and NCA. Should additional information be required, please contact us or consider seeking alternative specialist opinion.

CAS considers only the aspects of the proposal that relate to its regulatory responsibilities. This advice should be considered by Devonport City Council in the overall context of the proposal.

If you have any queries about the above comments, please contact Monique Case (monique.case@nre.tas.gov.au).

Kind regards,



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